

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6.

Mr. Forney, in his last letter, published in the Washington Chronicle, speaking of the question of "negro suffrage," says: "We cannot force this great innovation upon the South by Congressional interference;" admits that wherever it has been attempted by State action it has, so far failed; and reminds the Republican party that "the Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, refused to make a national test of the question." He concludes with this exhortation to his political friends: "Let us adhere to what is nominated in the national bond. To go beyond it is to court disaster, for no practical, nay for no theoretical good. Above all, let us avoid attempting to force upon the Southern States what we are now once more taught we cannot, even with our better informed colored people, do ourselves at our own homes. Apart from the clear, indisputable principle that Congress has no right to legislate on this subject, is the proof that the manumitted millions of the South are confessedly unprepared for this great franchise."

All persons in business, or who have employment this winter, should make up their minds to have patience, to be content with moderate gains—with "making a living"—and wait, with hope, for a change of things for the better next Spring. If the coming winter is a "hard one," it will necessarily check trade in all this section of country.—What we have said before, we repeat, that "the pinch of the hill," we think, will be this winter; and that no one should be discouraged if he finds business "slacker" than he expected it would be, a month ago.

Gen. W. H. Richardson, writing on the subject of the want of labor in Virginia, the difficulties that exist with regard to negro labor, &c., says:

"Lands for all who have the means to purchase, may be had anywhere in the State—but I do not agree with those who advise the cutting up of large and valuable estates and selling them off in small farms. On the contrary, and particularly upon these, I have no doubt, from reliable information, that the Tenant system, as it exists in England and Scotland, may be successfully introduced, with greater profit to the landlord, with good advantage to the industrious tenant, with satisfaction and comfort to both—and with great advantage to the State, by the introduction of an orderly, 'law abiding' addition to the laboring population. Each tenant might, and probably would, bring with him his own laborers and some stock, so that the whole machinery could be promptly put into operation."

THE GENERAL CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church met in Philadelphia yesterday. The opening sermon was preached by the Bishop of Montreal. Bishop Atkinson, of N. C., was present in the body of the church, and afterwards invited to take a seat in the chancel, which he did, and was cordially received. Dr. James Craik, of Ky., was elected President of the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates, and Dr. Randall, of Mass., Secretary. When the call of dioceses was made, there was no answer from any of the Southern States, except Texas, from which there were several delegates present. The whole body of the Southern dioceses are to be represented in the convention by a committee from the late Confederate bishops to adjust the question of re-union.

The Registration Law in Maryland, does not work smoothly, at all. In several instances suits have been brought against the registers; in some counties but comparatively few of the voters have been registered at all; and the expense is said to be heavy.

A statement is published that Gen. Grant has lately declared that the Monroe doctrine is to be enforced, that our government is to intervene in Mexican affairs, &c. The statement is not probable, and is not believed.

It is estimated that in the next Congress, the Republican majority will be 20 in the Senate, and 50 in the House of Representatives. So that, in the way of legislation the Republican party can have it all their own way.

An important suit has been brought in the U. S. Circuit Court, in Pittsburg, against Prather and Duncan, of Pithole City. The suit is to enforce the contract of sale of the celebrated Holmden farm, on Pithole creek, on which is located the great flowing Pithole wells, and also the city of Pithole. The value of the property involved is estimated at between four and five millions of dollars.

VIRGINIA ITEMS.

In the Lynchburg district all the candidates having declared they cannot take the oath prescribed for members of Congress, a number of citizens have issued a card requesting them to withdraw from the field, and nominating in their stead the Hon. John M. Botts, of Culpeper.

Several new lines of steamers have been put upon the Dismal Swamp canal, and large quantities of produce that have been awaiting transportation, is coming forward. A large cargo of cotton and flax seed arrived at Norfolk on Saturday.

The Richmond Whig goes in for Scottish emigration to Virginia.

The buildings of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, are either burnt down, or in an entirely dilapidated condition.

The brokers do not seem to regard the action of Secretary Stanton as decisive of the question of the ownership of the coin claimed by the Richmond banks, and were buying the issues of those institutions yesterday at 23.

The Directors of the Virginia Central R. R. have reduced the tolls on freights and passengers twenty-five per cent. from the 1st instant, thus making the rates what they were before the war.

The last bridge has been completed on the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, and the trains are now running through to Atlanta without interruption. On Sunday evening last the first train passed over the entire length of the East Tennessee Road.

The First National Bank of Staunton has been organized—A. H. Stuart, President; Hugh W. Sheffey, Vice President; Wm. Allen, Cashier.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The defence of Wirz is going on before the Military Commission, with continual jarring between the Court and the counsel for the defence.

The trial of Gen. Briscoe, charged with robbing the government at Lynchburg, is going on.

Revivals of religion are in progress in the Methodist Churches in Georgetown.

Robberies and thefts in the city are numerous—but in several cases, recently, detection has followed quickly.

LATER FROM EUROPE.—The Persia brings dates to the 24th ult. There is a further advance in cotton with an excited market—breadstuffs quiet and steady. There were no new developments in regard to the movements of the Penians, though arrests continue to be made. The Times treats the whole thing as ridiculous, absurd, and utterly insignificant in proportions. The Moniteur officially denies that any change is contemplated in the policy of the French Government. The Austrian Emperor has issued a manifesto, assuring the people that they should be guaranteed participation through representatives in legislation and conduct of the finances.

VIRGINIA to wit:—In the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, October Rules, 1865, T. A. Brewis, complainant; vs. John A. Gargess, defendant—in chancery.

Mem.—The object of this suit is to attach the following pieces or parcels of land in the County of Fairfax, the property of the said defendant, viz:—20 acres and 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land at Anandale. 1 acre, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 13 acres and 22 poles on the Little River Turnpike road; to pay plaintiff the sum of \$117.25, with interest thereon from 21st January, 1861, until paid.—If appearing by affidavit filed that the said defendant is not a resident of this state, it is ordered that he appear within one month after the publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest. A copy teste.

WM. M. FITZHUGH, Clerk pro tem.

LOVE, P. Q. oct 5—law4w

VIRGINIA to wit:—In the County Court of Fairfax county, October Rules, 1865, E. R. Ford, vs. William Ansley—in debt.

Mem.—The object of this suit is to obtain a judgment against the said deft. for the sum of \$24.12 with interest thereon from the 4th day of April, 1861, and to attach a tract of land of the defendant in this county about one mile north of Fairfax Court House, containing 110 acres, to pay said judgment when obtained. It appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant is not a resident of this state, it is ordered that he appear within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest. A copy teste.

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Mem.—The object of this suit is to attach a tract of land, the property of the defendant lying in the County of Fairfax, containing 110 acres, about one mile north of Fairfax Court House, being the same land purchased by the said defendant from Solomon Vanorden, to satisfy and pay complainant the sum of \$132.65 with interest thereon from the 1st Jan. 1861, until paid. It appearing by affidavit filed that the said defendant is not a resident of this state, it is ordered that he appear within one month after due publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect his interest. A copy teste.

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SMOOT, P. Q. oct 5—law4w

GROCERIES.—We are now receiving an assortment of GROCERIES, to which we invite attention. sept 7—tf WITMER & WASHINGTON.

Public Debt.

The following is a recapitulation of the public debt, as appears from the books, Treasurer's returns and requisitions in the Department on the 30th of September last: Debt bearing interest in coin, \$1,116,658,191 80; interest, \$65,000,570 50. Debt bearing interest in lawful money, \$1,260,009,120 44; interest, \$72,527,645 75. Debt on which interest has ceased, \$1,387,320 09. Debt bearing no interest, \$366,891,093 84. Total amount outstanding, \$2,744,947,726 17. Interest, \$137,529,216 25.

Legal tender notes in circulation: One and two years 5 per ct. notes, \$32,952,230 United States notes, old issue, 392,070 " " " new issue, 427,768,499 Compound interest notes, act of March 3d, 1863, 15,000,000 Compound interest notes, act of June 30, 1864, 202,012,141

Total, \$678,126,940

As compared with the statement for August there is a reduction of the public debt of nearly \$12,742,000 and of interest over half a million, and also a reduction of \$6,012,000 of the legal tender notes in circulation.

The amount in the Treasury in coin is, \$31,740,788 74 The amount in the treasury in currency, 56,978,229 86

Showing a decrease of nearly \$12,700,000 of coin as compared with the August statement, and an increase of \$13,454,437 in currency.—The amount of fractional currency is \$26,487,754, or an increase of \$143,000. There has been an increase of the 5.20 bonds of June 30, 1864, of \$8,211,000; and of July 11, 1862, 6 per cent temporary loan, of nearly \$8,000,000; and of March 1st, 1862, certificates of indebtedness, a reduction of over \$22,000,000.

Mr. Henry S. Foote, at last dates, was "speaking" at Nashville. His tongue and his pen have no rest. He is an illustration of how a man of considerable abilities can make them of no avail, by continually "appearing before the public."

One of the hardest things in life for men to practice is the charity which they find it so easy to preach. We may possibly all of us be perfect saints in theory, while we are anything but saints in reality.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, October 5.—Gold, 146 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Auction Sales.

By John H. Parrott, Auctioneer.

FURNITURE, &c., AT AUCTION.—On Saturday Morning next, the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock, in my warehouse, corner of King and Water streets, I shall offer for sale a Varied Collection of Household Furniture, such as Chairs, Tables, Stoves, Safes, Lounges, Hat Racks, Bedsteads, Washbuts, Wood and Hand-saws, one Secretary and Book Case, &c.

Also 150 large and small wooden Chests, suitable for clothes chests, tool chests or packing boxes and many other purposes. Terms Cash. oct 5—2t

By Witmer & Washington, Auctioneers.

FOR SALE.—THE HOUSE AND LOT, known as CLARENS, near the Theological Seminary. The house has in it twelve large rooms, with out-buildings, and is built mostly of brick, and of the best materials. It was used for many years as a boarding school, for which, from the beauty and convenience of the situation, it is well adapted. It has 26 acres of land (more or less) attached, and other land adjoining is offered for sale.

The barracks and other government property on the premises are not included, but can probably be bought low.

This property is offered at a low price and on accommodating terms.

If not sold privately it will be offered at Public Sale, on Thursday, November 2nd. Apply to BRENT & WATILES.

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MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., OF NEW YORK.

Cash Assets July 1, 1865, \$13,500,000

Annual income, in cash, 3,500,000

The dividends of this company are larger, in amount for premiums paid, than in any company in the world.

All of the profits arising from this immense fund are ANNUALLY DIVIDED amongst the insured.

Applications received at my house, No. 101, Prince st.

G. I. THOMAS, Agent.

DR. CHARLES W. CHANCELLOR.

oct 5—tf Medical Examiner.

ROBERT TAYLOR SCOTT, ATTORNEY AND

COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

WARRENTON, FAUQUIER CO., VA.

Will attend the Courts of Fauquier and the adjoining counties. Business entrusted to his father, Robert E. Scott, decd., and unfinished, will be concluded upon reasonable and satisfactory terms.

Collections made and promptly remitted. Office in rear of Court House. oct 5—1m

THE PIONEER MILLS.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Have been re-opened, by the undersigned, who will purchase

WHEAT,

CORN,

and RYE,

& FLOUR BARRELS.

and will keep a constant supply of FAMILY,

EXTRA, and SUPER FLOUR; also, Mill

Feed and Corn Meal.

A lot of Prime SEED WHEAT, on

hand and for sale by the above. oct 4—10t

[Culpeper Observer and Lynchburg Virg. and Rep. 5t.]

Jewelry.

86

KING STREET.

SIGN OF THE GLASS CLOCK.

86

EDGAR S. FLEMING, truly thankful for the past patronage of the citizens of this city, and surrounding country, most respectfully solicits a continuation of their favors. He has just laid in a new and complete stock of WATCHES,

JEWELRY.

SILVERWARE,

&c., and requests that all desiring anything in his line will give him a call before purchasing elsewhere, as he is determined to sell at pleasing prices.

Particular attention, as usual, paid to repairing Watches, Jewelry, &c. All work guaranteed.

All kinds of Silverware made to order.

Having employed the finest workmen, both English and American, I am prepared to do all kinds of

WORK IN MY LINE.

Work done for the trade at reasonable prices.

Having secured the services of a first-class ENGRAVER, I am prepared to do all kinds of ENGRAVING.

The highest market price paid for old GOLD and SILVER.

Remember at No. 86, King St. oct 3—4f

THE OLDEST ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KIND IN THE CITY.

ESTABLISHED IN 1800.

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KING STREET.

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WM. W. ADAM calls the attention of his old customers and the public generally, to his large and well assorted stock of WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER and PLATED WARE, CLOCKS, FANCY GOODS, &c., &c. He has just received a large stock of Spectacles of all kinds, and is prepared to suit the eyes of persons of all ages. Also received a lot of superior RUBBER EYE GLASSES, American WATCHES, gold and silver, of all grades. Solid Silver Spoons, Forks, &c., &c., manufactured of Pure coin. Also, Fancy Silver Ware, suitable for wedding presents, Forks, Spoons, &c., &c. triple plated on white metal. Fine Gold Pens and Holders.—He cordially extends to strangers as well as the resident public, an invitation to inspect his stock before purchasing elsewhere, assuring them that a call will not incur the least obligation to purchase. Having employed the very best American, English and Swiss workmen, he is prepared to execute Repairing of all kinds of work in his line. Work done for the trade at reasonable prices. All goods and work warranted. Engraving neatly executed. sep 27—

GEORGE DUFFEY,

CLOCK AND WATCHMAKER, No. 10 North Royal street, adjoining Simpson's shoe store.

WATCHES and JEWELRY carefully repaired and with dispatch. He would respectfully ask a call from his former friends, and the public generally. All watch work warranted. aug 29—4f

Lumber, Wood Coal, &c.

LUMBER! LUMBER!!

SLOAN & BRUNER

Have for sale

ALL KINDS OF LUMBER.

At the lowest market rates.

Hunter's Wharf, near the Tunnel.

R. J. SLOAN.

B. F. BRUNER

ly 5—6m

JAS. RECTOR SMOOT.

JOHN PERRY

SMOOT & PERRY,

DEALERS IN

LUMBER, NAILS, LIME, CEMENT, AND CALCINED PLASTER.

No. 40 South Union Street.

ly 15—tf

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

200,000

LUMBER.

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Just received two hundred thousand feet 4-4 6-4 and 8-4 White Pine, Hemlock, and Spruce LUMBER; also Joist and Scantling which we offer for sale at the market rates. ly 14—6m SMOOT & PERRY.

ly 14—6m

HENDERSON BROS.,

Dealers in

Groceries & Provisions

No. 226 King street, corner of Alfred. Have constantly on hand, and daily receiving a large and well selected stock of choice FAMILY GROCERIES & PROVISIONS, of all kinds to which they invite the attention of their friends and the public in general. feb 7—tf

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

WANTED, AT NO. 17, KING ST., any amount of

RAGS,

OLD IRON,

COPPER,

and BRASS,

For which the highest market price will be paid at all times. sep 29—4f

STOLEN.—Was stolen from Mitchell's Station, on Monday night a white and red BULL DOG. A reward of \$10 will be paid for the recovery of the dog, and \$10 for the thief. Apply to Mr. J. Beach, 29, Alfred st., between Queen and Cameron streets.

DENNIS O'LEARY, Mitchell's Station, Culpeper county, Va. oct 3—3t*

ly 13—4m

J. C. CLARK,

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE,

Office at the Court House.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.